

ALMOST any form of entertainment is welcomed here just now, which requires an out-of-town run by motor car or carriage, and drives and rides with no other object than a cup of tea in the afternoon at the Country Club, or even a glass of lemonade or other cooling drink is considered object enough to carry one beyond the city limits. There are telephone calls almost every hour, accompanied by invitations to luncheon parties and dinners, almost all of them at the Chevy Chase or Country Club, and popular people with houses just out of town are doubly popular now, and receive inopportune visits from their friends, either going or coming from all their country outings.

The golf links and tennis courts are at their best, and the brightest possible periods, and girls who danced away the winter are met in trolley cars carrying their own golf bags and sticks to the various links near town. The spring winds tan their cheeks and toss their hair, but they are unmindful of this, and are just sensible looking young women, bound for pleasure without a single hint of the picturesque effect in attire generally depicted in fashion plates and illustrated magazines.

While carriages and automobiles are in constant demand for out-of-town runs, pedestrianism in vogue for the smart set in town, and these vehicles are forsaken for walking expeditions in shopping, marketing, and even for making calls. All of the women of the Cabinet walk, and Mrs. Knox, who maintains one of the finest stables in Washington, goes for her constitutional on foot twice every day when the weather permits. She walks over to the White House to call upon Mrs. Roosevelt, and walks to call upon all her friends, and makes every possible pretense for not using her horses for anything but country drives.

This love of outdoor life extends to afternoon receptions, and Mrs. Leiter is one of the first to institute afternoon tea drinking in her pretty garden, and every afternoon at 5 o'clock is to be found comfortably ensconced with her family, ready for any friend who happens to drop by. There is absolute good taste, but no formality, in Mrs. Leiter's spring entertainments.

Far prettier than all other outdoor spring entertainments was the first day of the open air performance of Shakespeare's plays on the old Observatory Grounds. The scene is one that must long linger in the minds of those who saw it. In this case, if it never happens again, the people who paid the least for their seats enjoyed the view the most, for the spectacular effect of stage and audience was much enhanced by the distance.

The spot selected for the play was little short of an inspiration, and could not have been better, while the weather man made the day for the outdoor performance of "As You Like It." The fine old catalpa trees flanking either side of the improvised stage were rich in long purple blossoms, while the green foliage was just dense enough for atmospheric effect. Beyond the stage wound the old Potomac, and it seemed to take on new charms for the occasion. The river breaks into several tributaries just at the point where it lent most to the landscape, and this, with the boats passing silently by every little bit, and the faraway hills of Virginia, made far finer stage setting than one is apt to imagine from local surroundings.

There was something quite pleasantly suggestive in the fact that the English players were pleasing an American public, but a stone's throw from historic Braddock's Rock, where the famous British general landed with his troops on their way to Fort Duquesne.

Then the British Ambassador, Sir Henry Mortimer Durand, and Lady Durand, and Miss Durand were there, and the most pleased guests on Old Camp Hill that day. The audience was the very creme de la creme of Washington society, and there were just enough good clothes and garden party air about it to make one realize that it was not really a dream, but just one of Shakespeare's plays on the banks of the old Potomac.

Since life must be spent in the open at this season, and Washington has not Boston's Pop concerts, nor New York's coaching parades, a dog show was improvised at the beautiful country home of Mr. and Mrs. Charles J. Bell on Woodley Lane, and women with their dear doggies muffled close in their spring finery drove out to the dog show, or as one of the merry girls called it, the dog tea.

The show was to have taken place Wednesday afternoon, and Countess Cassini's French poodles, Miss Leiter's big Skye terrier, some of Baroness Hengelmüller's dogs, Mrs. Bennett's fox terrier, and others were much disappointed when torrents of rain fell, sufficient to drown all the dogs in town. After that, the dog show was set for Friday at 4 o'clock, and all the girls present said it was a "howling success."

Mrs. Roosevelt's departure for a few days' visit with Mrs. John W. Brock, her cousin, of Philadelphia, robbed the White House of its small informal tea pourings and informal meetings on the White House veranda and lawn which go to make up a pleasant feature of social life for the Roosevelts' special friends.

Brides continue to demand the approaching month as their birthright, and weddings important from a social standpoint engage the entire month of June.

Probably this high carnival of Cupid is the only thing to detain society at the Capital, and by the middle of June those of the city's streets now filled by prettily dressed pedestrians and fine equipages will present a deserted air, and lace draperies will be replaced by board shutters.

Dinners.

The French ambassador and Mme. Jusserand entertained a distinguished party at dinner last evening in compliment to Miss Ivy Langham and Lieutenant Commander de Faramond, the bride and groom elect whose marriage takes place Tuesday. Besides the two guests of honor, there were invited the German ambassador and Baroness von Sternburg, Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Langham, Baron de Felzin, uncle of the groom-elect, Mlle. de Felzin, Admiral and Mrs. Dewey, Admiral Taylor, Captain de Chair, naval attaché of the British embassy, and Mrs. de Chair; Commander Boutakoff, naval attaché of the Russian embassy, and Mme. Boutakoff; Captain Fournier, military attaché, Viscount de Chambrun, and Prince de Bearn, of the French embassy.

Lieutenant Commander de Faramond entertained his bridal party, with a number of additional guests at the New Willard, at dinner last evening. His uncle, Baron de Felzin, and Mlle. de Felzin were among the other guests.

Lieutenant Martin, of the German embassy, was another agreeable dinner host of last week, when among his guests at the New Willard were Miss Roosevelt, Miss Boardman, the Misses Warder, Mr. Dering and Mr. Wyndham, of the British embassy; Mr. Zichy, of the Austrian embassy, and Herr Verdy du Vernoy, of the German embassy.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles G. Bennett entertained a dinner party of fourteen at the Chevy Chase Club last evening.

Weddings.

If sunshine hit blossoms the day upon which Miss Ivy Langham and Lieutenant Commander de Faramond were married, the wedding will, indeed, be an ideal spring affair.

The dinner of tonight and that of last night closes the entertainment of the



MRS. R. R. HITT,
Wife of Representative Hitt.

Mrs. Robert Roberts Hitt has been a central figure in Washington society since the appointment of her husband as Assistant Secretary of State in 1881, and his subsequent election to Congress in the same year.

Eight years in the diplomatic and social life of Paris, during which time her husband was first secretary and much of the time chargé d'affaires of the American legation, fitted Mrs. Hitt admirably for the position she was to take here, and this experience, combined with her personal beauty, ease, grace, and pronounced personality, at once gave her an enviable lead in Capital life.

As the wife of a still higher official of the Government, Mrs. Hitt could make no mistake. She is authority on all matters of precedence and social complications, is a gracious hostess, and a finished woman of the world.

well, and James C. Schenck, of Baltimore, and Shields Gilroy, of Washington. Armit Brown, of Philadelphia, will be the best man. A limited number of invitations have been sent to intimate friends of the two families in Baltimore, Philadelphia, and New York.

At the marriage of Miss Celia H. Leech and Dr. Egbert A. Clark, of Washington, which takes place on June 1, at 5 o'clock, at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Edward Kent Leech, 3549 Spruce Street, Philadelphia, the bride will be given away by her brother and attended by her sister, Miss Elizabeth Leech, as maid of honor. Miss Frances Williams Leech will act as flower girl, and the bridesmaids will be Miss Helen Williams and Miss Marcia Paschal, of Washington. Charles Burt, of Washington, will serve as best man, and the ushers will be Dr. Capron and William Smith, of Philadelphia. The ceremony will be performed by Rev. Clarence Wyatt Blenheim. A small reception will follow for the relatives and intimate friends. Upon their return from a trip they will reside in this city.

Miss Alice M. Taylor, youngest daughter of Stanislaus and Mary C. Taylor, of Washington, was quietly married in Baltimore, Friday, the 18th instant, to Col. Walter, of Westmoreland county, Va. The bride was unattended and was attired in a traveling suit of blue broadcloth.

The marriage of Miss Belle Ormsbee Sherman to William Bolton Farnham, of Rochester, N. Y., will take place Wednesday, June 1, in the presence of the immediate family, at the home of the bride's parents.

The Rev. and Mrs. J. G. Butler have issued invitations to the wedding reception of their daughter, Miss Grace Elizabeth Butler, to Dr. Henry A. Polk, of New York, June 1.

The marriage ceremony, which takes place at the home of the bride's parents, will be witnessed only by the immediate families of the contracting parties.

Miss Alice Benton Bishop, and George Harry Davis will be married June 15, at St. Paul's church at 8 o'clock. The matron of honor will be Mrs. Isaac Gregg, and Charlton Wistar Beesley will be best man. Raymond Acton and Samuel H. Davis will be ushers. No invitations have been issued for the wedding.

An announcement has been made of the approaching marriage of Miss Lucy W. Allen, daughter of the late Judge H. C. Allen, of Woodstock, Va., to William M. Kemper, superintendent of the Bethel Military Academy, in Fauquier county, Va. The ceremony is to take place at Woodstock Wednesday, June 22.

Mr. and Mrs. M. J. Adler announce the engagement of their daughter, Gertrude Harper, to William W. Hyams, of Muskogee, Indian Territory. The marriage will occur in the early fall.

Miss Rebekah Page Knox, the daughter of Attorney General and Mrs. Knox, who, with her friend, Miss Mohler, has been traveling abroad for some time, will arrive in New York Tuesday of this week.

Miss Knox will at once go to Valley Forge, where Mrs. Knox spends much of her time at their country home, and will prepare for the wedding of Miss Williams and Mr. Brooks, for which she is one of the bridesmaids, and which takes place in Pittsburgh, June 4. Until Miss Knox's arrival nothing will be known of the date of her own wedding, but it will probably be an event of the early fall.

Baroness Hengelmüller, wife of the Austrian ambassador, whose condition has been most serious for the past week, was pronounced better late in the day yesterday, and hopes are entertained by

her physicians that the disease is now under control. All of the rest obtained by the patient thus far, however, comes from the use of opiates.

Mr. and Mrs. Thomas F. Walsh have arranged to go to St. Louis for Colorado Day at the exposition, and will not sail for Europe until May 23. Mr. Walsh is one of the delegates from the State, and remained longer in this country than he expected for the express purpose of being present. Miss Evelyn Walsh and Vinson Walsh will accompany their parents both to St. Louis and Europe.

Col. M. A. Winter sailed yesterday from Philadelphia, and will spend some months in Europe.

Mrs. John D. Yonkley, of 13-6 North Capitol Street, and her sister, Mrs. Lillie Huller, of Leesburg, Va., leave today for Newport News, Va., to visit relatives and friends for a few weeks.

The Progressive Yacht Club, of Langdon, D. C., was entertained last Monday evening, at the home of C. F. Fletcher in North Langdon. Among those in attendance were Ira J. Baker and wife, Charles Fletcher and wife, D. J. Roberts and wife, Dr. Claude Fletcher and wife, Miss Katherine Fletcher, and Miss Lula Gochenour, and William Gochenour. After several hours enjoyed in card playing, refreshments were served.

Dr. and Mrs. John Gordon, of Howard University, have as their guests their daughter and granddaughter, Mrs. Alexander Gordon, and Miss Ora Gordon, of Pittsburgh.

Senator and Mrs. Foraker went to Cincinnati to attend the May musical festival, but will return in a few days and will keep their Washington house open all summer. During the absence of Senator and Mrs. Foraker, Mrs. Wainwright, their daughter, from Philadelphia, has been the guest of Miss Foraker, but returned to Philadelphia yesterday.

Mrs. Kirk Porter will remain at her residence in Lafayette Square during June.

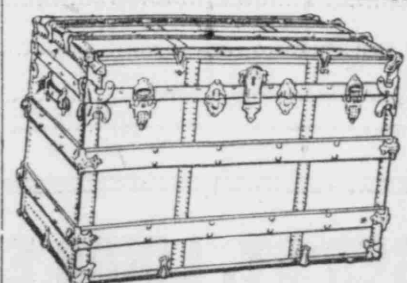
Col. and Mrs. Robert I. Fleming and family moved out to their beautiful suburban place, Oak View, yesterday, for the summer.

Mrs. Capron, widow of Capt. Allen K. Capron, United States Volunteers, who was operated upon at Providence Hospital for appendicitis, has so far recovered, that she will be able to return to her residence in Wallach Place this week.

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SENORITA CAROLA MARTINEZ D'HOZ.

Senorita Carola Martinez D'Hoz has been the guest for some months past of the first secretary of the German embassy and her sister, Baroness Bussche, is the recipient of much social attention prior to her departure for Europe, May 23.

Senorita d'Hoz has been exceedingly popular in Washington society, and has helped to make the weekly teas at the home of Baron and Baroness Bussche among the most pleasant features of diplomatic life for the younger set.

Baroness Bussche and her mother, Senora d'Hoz, who has spent the winter in Washington, will also sail for Europe Thursday.

Philip Stern, from Karlsruhe, Germany, late of the Royal Baden Institute of Technology, is a guest of Major and Mrs. Terrill, at their residence in Vermont Avenue.

Pay Inspector Thomas J. Cowie, U. S. N.; Mrs. Cowie, and Miss Cowie arrived in Washington last week and are stopping at the Elkhart House.

Commander Cameron McK. Winslow, U. S. N., and Mrs. Winslow will take a cottage at Newport for the summer season.

Miss Pierson, who has been the guest of Representative and Mrs. John D. Zell for some weeks, left yesterday for her home in Pittsburgh.

Mrs. Dalzell will accompany her husband to Chicago, and from there, will go to Denver to visit her daughter, Mrs. Dunn, and will attend the World's Fair in St. Louis, later in the season, and will spend the latter part of the summer in Pittsburgh. She will not go abroad this summer.

Senator and Mrs. Elkins and Miss Katherine Elkins will sail for Europe May 23, to spend the summer. Miss Elkins may return in August for the Saratoga races.

John E. Reyburn yesterday gave his yacht, Gretchen, over to his little daughter, Ella Reyburn, that she might celebrate her birthday by a river party composed of her little friends. The yacht was handsomely decorated, and music and refreshments made the trip an ideal one.

Mrs. Gilbert, widow of the late Gen. Charles C. Gilbert, U. S. A., is visiting her daughter, Mrs. Gresham, wife of Major John C. Gresham, Fifteenth Cavalry, at Fort Myer, Va.

Mr. and Mrs. Arthur B. Heaton are now in Florence, having visited Rome and Naples in their tour of Italy. They will travel through Germany and Switzerland, and after a tour of rural England, will return in October, probably in September.

Mrs. Elizabeth Stauffer-Moore, Miss Irene Moore, and Mrs. Moore Richardson, left yesterday for their home near Greensburg, Pa., where they will remain until September or October, at which time they will go to St. Louis.

Miss Carolyn Huff was one of a house party last week at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Arthur DeLoe, of New York. Butrell Huff, Clarence Hay, and several

other Simsbury students were of the party.

Julian Huff, who graduates from Yale this year, will start on a tour of the world. Mr. and Mrs. Huff will spend the early part of the summer at their country place near Greensburg, Pa.

The fourth annual lawn fete for the benefit of the Episcopal Eye, Ear and Throat Hospital will again be held in the house and grounds of 1129 Vermont Avenue, which has proved such an ideal spot for an affair of this kind.

The board of lady managers, who have the fete in charge, promise as many and more attractions than last year.

The electric lighting and the red and white costumes of the waitresses, which last year added so much to the beauty of the scene, will again be in evidence. During the afternoon the Fort Myer Cavalry band will provide the music.

The children will find special attractions in the marionettes, the magic goose, and the Chinese laundry; the young people in the dancing.

Looths for fancy articles, flowers, candy, A. B. C. supper, and ice cream tables promise enjoyment to all.

Miss Frances Bishop has gone for a visit to Mrs. Frank P. Smith, of Pittsburgh.

Mr. and Mrs. Andrew F. Sperry, of this city, are visiting their son, Arthur Bassett Sperry, of Pittsburgh, en route to St. Louis. Mrs. Sperry is president of the Federation of Women's Clubs, District of Columbia, which organization she will represent at the general federation.

Miss Nettie Hughes was hostess at an informal luncheon and musicale at her home, 1012 Fifteenth Street northwest, Thursday. Miss Sadie Waldron, whose musical advantages abroad have placed her in the front ranks of Washington musicians, gave some of her choicest selections. Miss Hughes and Miss Waldron gave several vocal duets.

Among those present were Dora J. Hendrix, Mrs. J. H. Crew, Mrs. Charles W. Cuthbertson, Mrs. J. G. Durfee, Mrs. Malcolm Malory, Mrs. M. E. Hicks, Miss Eva Hicks, Mrs. C. E. Brown, Miss Sadie Waldron, and Mrs. Mary Dement.

Mr. and Mrs. John T. Davis closed their residence on I Street last week and went to Elkins, W. Va., where they will spend most of the summer. Ex-Senator Henry C. Davis and his daughter, Mrs. Arthur Lee, will also spend the summer at Elkins, occupying their beautiful estate "Graceland," which is one of the show places of that part of Virginia.

Senator and Mrs. Elkins also have a beautiful estate at Elkins, but Mrs. Elkins and her daughter, Miss Kath-

erine H. Elkins, who is to make her debut next winter, will spend the summer abroad.

Miss Roosevelt and Countess Cassini, who were the guests of Colonel Morrill, of Philadelphia, for the coaching parade a week ago, will again visit Philadelphia for the horse show, which takes place at St. Martin's Green June 21.

Yonkheer R. de Mares an Swinderen, the newly appointed Netherlands minister, has returned from New York, where he went to act as best man for Mr. van Rijen, secretary of the legation, who married Miss Winthrop last Tuesday. Mr. van Swinderen is not a stranger in Washington, having served here in the capacity of first secretary to the legation in 1889. His diplomatic posts after that included Rome, Vienna, Berlin, St. Petersburg, and Paris, at all of which places he served as first secretary.

Later he was made Netherlands minister at Bucharest, Romania. The first secretary who succeeds Mr. van Rijen has not yet arrived.

Travels and Visits

There will be a positive dearth of Washington people at Eastern resorts this summer, as, either driven by a desire for economy or travel, more people from the Capital are sailing than at this season for several years past.

Mr. and Mrs. Thomas F. Walsh, with their family, will sail May 23 to spend the entire summer in Europe.

Mrs. Albert Clifford Barney, accompanied by her daughter, Miss Natalie Barney, will sail June 9 for a year in Europe, and during that time, will be joined by Miss Alice Barney, who is in Egypt. Mrs. Barney has leased her Washington house to Mr. and Mrs. Thomas F. Gaff, of Cincinnati.

Mrs. Franz Rummel has gone to Europe and will spend the summer in Germany with her son, who is promising musician. Mrs. Rummel is the daughter of the late Prof. Morse and widow of the great musician, Franz Rummel.

Mrs. Reginald de Koven and her sister, Mrs. Chatfield Taylor, will summer in Europe, as will also the Countess Esterhazy, who was a passenger of last week.

The French ambassador and Mme. Jusserand will spend the summer in Europe.

Mrs. Henry May and Miss May will also summer abroad, making a visit during the early part of the season to Lady Bland, who was formerly Miss Lillie May, of Baltimore.

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